



## **Nevada GEAR UP Program – Year Three**

**Subgrantee:** Nye County School District

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### **Tonopah High School Abstract**

The Tonopah High School GEAR UP Program will serve 7 ninth graders from the Esmeralda School District. This program is designed to provide after school tutorial assistance, student field trip enrichment to post-secondary institutions, student incentive community service projects and parent involvement. These 7 students have been in the GEAR UP Program in Esmeralda County during the seventh and eighth grades, 6 students at Dyer School and 1 student at Silver Peak School.

The mission of the Tonopah High School GEAR UP Program is to improve student academic achievement, increase high school proficiency test scores, reduce the dropout rate, increase high school graduation, better prepare students for post-secondary education while increasing college enrollment and the number of student receiving Millennium or Gear Up Scholarships.

Gear Up students are planning two field trips for FY 04, the UNR Department of Agricultural Sciences, and the UNLV Job Fair. The school is planning a career day in the spring and will invite community business leaders to participate in this school festival. Tonopah High School will hire a Consultant to develop student improvement plans and guide student activities in planning and completing community service projects.

Tonopah High School employs a staff of 22, including 15 certified teachers and 7 support staff, and has an existing enrollment of 155 students. Of these 20% are on the free and reduced lunch program. The Esmeralda students are from Nevada's smallest school district with three elementary schools, a total student population of 83 and a staff of 7 teachers. In order to overcome these limited resources this cohort group of 7 students will matriculate at Tonopah High School for grades 9-12, where they will join Tonopah High School's general ninth grade population of 49 students.

The home of these 7 students is a sparsely populated mining and farming area in the mountains near the California border, 74 miles southwest of Tonopah. Tonopah is a boom and bust mining community whose early fortunes relied on silver. This community is midway between Las Vegas and Reno with a total population 3,616, comprised of 1,713 families.